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Mr. Frank Hawkins, Director  
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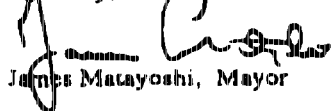
Dear Mr. Hawkins:

It has come to our attention that a trip to Rongelap has been scheduled for November to locate a site for the DOE trailer housing units to be used by monitoring staff. The fact that this information comes to us second-hand and that we were not advised of this trip is disappointing to us. We feel left out of a very important decision-making process that had direct and major consequences for the RRP. Furthermore, the assistance that we could have made available in planning this trip remains completely untapped.

Henceforth we expect to be informed of important information such as this. It is important that we review all requests to land on Rongelap. Any request for clearance to land on Rongelap must be approved by RALGOV. Careful coordination with the contractor, PII is also advisable. As you and your staff at DOE go about meeting obligations to the Rongelapese, it is best to keep these details in mind and to keep us informed and involved in the process. The Rongelap Resettlement Project is an awesome undertaking and we must all cooperate and work together to keep it on track.

Please keep these considerations in mind and we look forward to further discussion with you on planning future activities related to the RRP.

Sincerely,



James Matayoshi, Mayor

cc: Howard Hills